

DERRIFORD UNITED REFORMED

JULY 2014 AGM

### **OASIS CAFE REPORT**

I am pleased to report that a steady number of people are still coming through and using the cafe, many not Church members but brought by neighbours and friends and becoming regulars – all seeming to enjoy the varied menu including home baked cakes prepared by Gareth under Helen's very capable tuition, and many other tasty and sweet dishes.

We did have an established regular bank of volunteers most of whom had received Basic Food Hygiene training but at the moment we are quite short of helpers and are always open to others coming in, not necessarily to work, serve or prepare food but to spend time listening to others who come in. I will be organising another food hygiene course in the Autumn.

We continue to offer the Kabin Kidz, and now also Deckhands, their tea as part of the weekly session and this has proved very successful – meaning many of the parents stay in the cafe while their children are fed in the hall. We also have a number of the mums and children, post toddlers on Thursdays, who stay for lunch

The cafe has also been used for a number of special lunches – once again the Catholic disabled group came in – so many this time that we had to extend to using the hall- Watch Ashore are regular users of our facilities and the Pilots did a splendid job of making and serving a 3 course Anniversary meal to all the volunteers last October.

The "team" is also building up quite a reputation for their catering skills as sadly we have been much occupied during the last year catering for funerals. I particularly must mention the amount of work everyone put in for Kelly's funeral lunch and also we are sad to say farewell to Alan Gray who was one of the main supporters, encouragers and users of the cafe.

I continue to be indebted to the amount of expertise and time which Helen has put in – when available she has worked patiently with Gareth and we wish her a speedy recovery from her knee replacement– we don't want her to rush back too soon but we do have quite good kitchen stools!!! Malcolm is also to be thanked for his support and notice printing!!

You will see from the Church finance report that we have also managed to continue to make a profit as well as operating this valuable and important outreach project.

Our other volunteers include Phil, Kim, Gill, Alison, Muriel, Sarah, Charlotte, Karen, Liz, Lynne .

We are looking forward to celebrating our second anniversary in October

Happy eating

Sue Vickery Cafe Outreach Coordinator.



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LEATFIELD DRIVE (WEDNESDAY) HOUSEGROUP

The group presently comprises of 7 members and we enjoy sharing a time of prayer, Bible study and mutual support each week.

Through Autumn we were able to study a DVD produced by Walk thru the Bible called the Crucible that looks at 6 different aspects of King David's life and calling. We have also done studies on James, the Disciples, Jonah and also spent some meditative and reflective prayer time.

We have also shared a few meals out and bring and share social evenings.

Thanks to Sue Staple and Carol Lant for the use of their homes

If you would like to join us please contact me

Blessings

Sue Vickery.



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**KABIN KIDZ**

Since we started this group over three years ago, we have seen a number of children move through to join Pilots as Deckhands . At the moment we only have four 3-5 year olds attending.

We still offer a cooked tea as part of the programme and we regularly feed 9-10 children plus helpers. The children also do a Bible based craft, play games and have a Bible story as part of the programme.

Several of the parents stay and share chat, food and drinks in the Oasis cafe during the time we have the children.

Many thanks to all the helpers – Emma Maria, Carol, Kelly, Rosie ,Jennie and Danny and to the lovely kitchen ladies – Helen, Sarah and Charlotte.

Sue Vickery

